

AGRICULTURAL INTERESTS

WATCH FOR POTATO WART.

One of the most dangerous diseases of the potato has been discovered in the United States. Rough, spongy growths of varying size are produced on the tubers, especially at the eyes. These warts are a light brown at first, but become black and decayed with age. Sometimes all potatoes in affected hills are worthless. The disease does not attack the vines above ground.

Keep watch for warty potatoes at digging time; report promptly all suspicious cases and send specimens to your county agent, or to the Plant Pathologist, G. P. Chilton, Botanist, Agricultural Experiment Station, New Haven, Conn.

HOW MUCH GRAIN TO FEED

Specialists of the United States department of agriculture advise poultry keepers to feed about 1 quart of scratch grain and an equal weight of mash (about 1 1/2 quarts) daily to 13 hens of the general purpose breeds, such as the Plymouth Rocks, Rhode Island Reds or Wyandottes, or about 16 hens of the smaller or egg breeds. This would be about 7 1/2 pounds of each of scratch grains and of mash daily to 100 Lehighs and about 9 1/2 pounds of each to 100 general purpose fowls. If hens have free range or large yards containing green feed a general purpose hen will eat about 15 pounds of feed per week while a Lehigh will consume about 8 1/2 pounds in addition to the green stuff which she eats.

GET SEED POTATOES

Throughout Maine and other northern potato producing states, harvest is now on full blast. As the northern potato crop is below normal, both in acreage and yield, specialists of the United States department of agriculture recommend that the southern planters stock up immediately on seed potatoes for next spring's plantings. Such activity on the part of the southern growers not only will assure them of the necessary seed but also will enable them to secure high-producing, disease-free seed selected in the field at harvest time.

WHEN TO PICK FRUIT.

Pears should be harvested while still green and hard but of full size. Bartlett pears should not be allowed to ripen on the tree for they will keep but a short time and will likely be decayed at the core. Commercial growers finished their harvest of Bartlett pears early in September and while many of these will not come on the market until November and December they were harvested while still green.

An easy way to tell when pears are ready to harvest is to take one on the palm of the hand and lift it. It separates easily from the fruit spur without breaking either the stem or fruit spur. It is ready to be picked and stored in a cool place and allowed to ripen. In this way the quality is improved, and there will not be that grittiness which is common with most pears which are allowed to ripen on the tree, says J. P. Hollister, Pomologist at Connecticut Agricultural college at Storrs.

Apples should be picked when they are of full size, well colored, and when the stem separates from the tree without breaking either the stem or the fruit spur. Whether one has a few trees or many it is advisable with red varieties of apples to make more than one picking.

Many commercial growers have found that they can afford to make two pickings of their Baldwins, and the second picking will give just as good fruit as the first.

FARMERS OF FUTURE

There are 6,407 boys and girls in Connecticut studying farm and home duties under the direction of the extension service of Connecticut Agricultural college at Storrs. These youngsters receive instruction regularly and must keep records of their work.

Gardening is the most popular subject in the list offered by the boys' and girls' clubs. There are 2,735 youngsters engaged in gardening. Interest in other lines is shown by the following figures as to enrollment: Cooking, 334; canning, 350; pig, 433; poultry, 437; garment making, 399; potato, 214; corn, 192; calf, 109; sheep, 62.

The purpose of club work is to encourage boys and girls to prepare for farming and home making by carrying on some home enterprise. The boy who raises a pig for example, must select the animal, feed it and finally market it on his own responsibility. The club leader supplies him with the best information and advice available, but the work and the responsibility rest with the youngster. The profits go to him, also.

Club work is coming to be looked upon as the most effective system ever devised of keeping the boys and girls on the farms.

FIRST FOR "BETTER SIRE"

Connecticut is the first state in the union to enroll officially as a supporter of the "Better Sires-Better Stock" campaign of the United States de-

partment of agriculture, the state agricultural colleges and co-operating agencies. Connecticut authorities have decided to deputize their county agents with authority to examine and approve the animals of each farmer who desires admittance to the 100 per cent pure-bred sire club. Delaware and Virginia were the second and third states, respectively, to enroll. The "Better Sires-Better Stock" campaign to begin October 1, is arousing keen interest throughout the country.

The federal authorities in charge of the campaign will keep accurate records of the animals by kind, breed, sex, and blood lines of each farmer who enrolls. The lists will be kept by states and counties so that there will be readily available a record of the breeding stock belonging to farmers who have been granted the official emblem of the better sires movement. An emergency county agent at Storrs, Conn. was the first to request enrollment blanks for distribution among the farmers of his section. Weekly News Letter, U. S. Department of Agriculture.

CORN BORER REAL PERIL

The European corn borer undoubtedly is a serious menace to American agriculture. The United States department of agriculture has for some time called attention to the extreme danger from this pest, which has become well established in both Massachusetts and New York. The state entomologists and others went over to the corn fields around Schenectady, N. Y., and Boston, Mass., and saw the methods of destruction practiced by the United States department of agriculture and the state agencies, together with the damage caused by the borer.

The commissioners of agriculture returned to their states convinced of the reality of the peril and of the necessity of unifying all efforts to protect the farmers of the country from a destructive insect that may quickly spread over very large areas unless most energetic control work is done on a large scale.

JACK FROST APPROACHES

By giving attention to facts established by the weather bureau of the United States department of agriculture farmers and gardeners often may save crops and money by protecting their plantings from frost.

For instance, a valley or depression may be a regular catch-all for frosts, while a hill beside it may be visited much less frequently. There is a well-recognized tendency for the air near the surface in depressions or more or less inclosed valleys to become denser and colder than that on nearby hillsides, which increases the frost risk in the lowlands. The lesson

from these facts is that early and tender crops should, so far as practicable, be confined to crests, hillsides and mountain sites, and later and hardier crops should be planted in lowlands and valleys.

PICKING BROOD SOWS.

Early fall is the time of year when hog growers should select from the spring crop of pigs the sows to be used as next year's dams. From now on until the breeding season these sows should be fed in a manner different from the way they were to be fattened for market purposes. Good forage crops are practically a necessity. A self-feeder containing a good quality of thrashed oats makes good feed for these sows. In addition, according to specialists of the United States department of agriculture, they may be fed a small amount of corn and some shorts or middlings, and fish meal or tankage.

Careful attention should be given to the selection of sows for breeding purposes. First, they should be selected from a good sized litter and from a litter whose dam has good suckling qualities. The brood sow should be of a good rangy type, with a good, strong arched back, deep sides, rather thin neck and not too broad in the face. By all means she should be a "good-footed" animal with good, strong legs and pasterns and rather upstanding from the ground.

The sow that takes plenty of exercise freely is one that is most likely to make a desirable brood sow. Do not select a sow from a litter whose dam is cross and irritable. The sow should be gentle and easily handled.

Attention should also be paid to the eyes. A blind sow is likely to step on and injure her pigs. Careful attention to these details at this time will have a tendency to add to the value of the brood sow and to the number of pigs that may be brought to maturity.

MOVING TIME FOR PULLETS

September is moving time for the hens and pullets which must be transferred from the range to their quar-

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As early as possible so as to be acclimated to their cold-weather environments before they begin to lay. Year after year poultry keepers neglect to ship their stock from the summer resorts to winter lodgings early enough, as this is one of the basic principals of best management, according to specialists of the United States department of agriculture.

STAFFORD

J. J. Clark is acting as janitor at the Pinney grammar school. Mr. and Mrs. H. Ramsden have been the guests of friends in Dalton. At the meeting of Stafford grange on Tuesday evening a lecturer's program was given.

F. A. Lashbury filled an engagement with the Rockville band last week. Mr. and Mrs. Earl Gary have commenced light housekeeping in the home of Frank Butterfield at the Springs.

Their building having been completed, the Masons are to gather socially in the new rooms Thursday evening. The members of Wolcott lodge are inviting the adults in their families and a few friends. The committee has requested that each Mason contribute something to the light refreshments to be served. A meeting held at Grange hall to

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derson, Miss Esther Warren, Mrs. Herbert Wightman. Auxiliary members, Miss Edith Jenkins, Miss Margaret Glover, Miss Rachel Glover, Miss Dorothy Belcher. It was voted to leave the charter open until Sept. 22 to allow others charter privileges. Those desiring to avail themselves of the opportunity may communicate with the secretary, Mrs. H. R. Pinney. The Delphian society is rapidly organizing its chapters throughout the United States and 6,200 communities have established centers for cultural thought and educational development and for

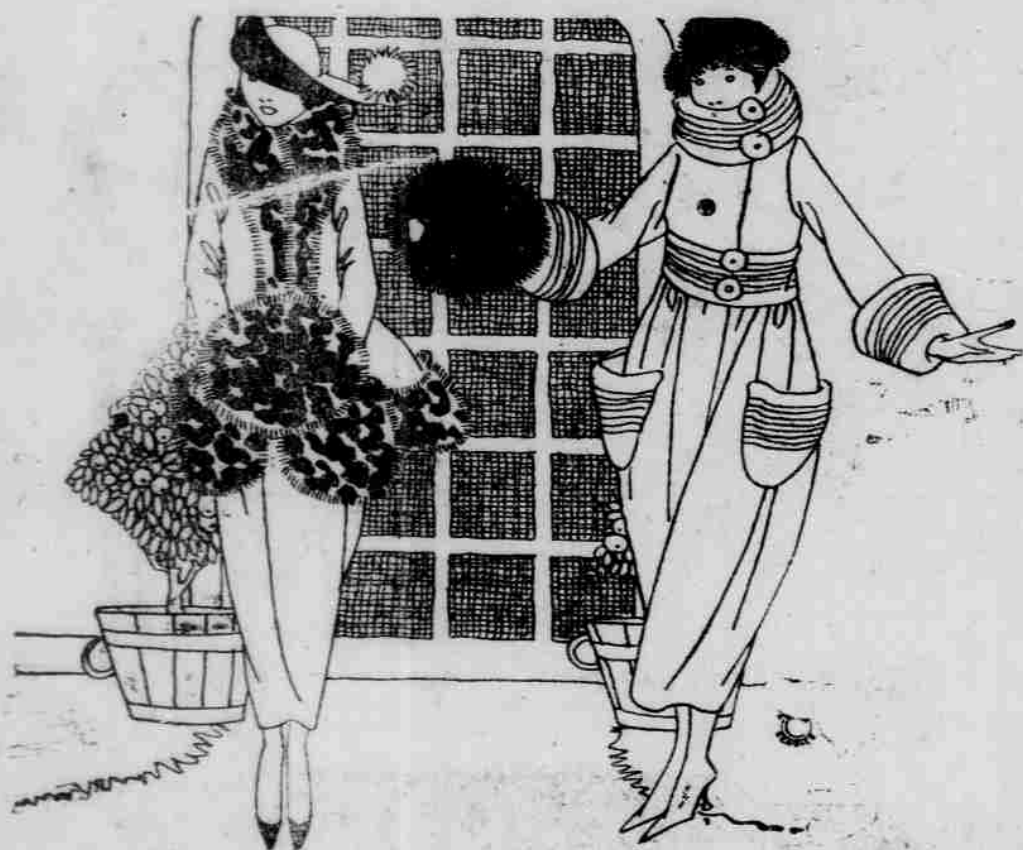
work in current events and activities of local interest. Its membership has now passed the half million mark. Meetings will be held on the second and fourth Mondays. The first regular meeting will be Monday evening, Sept. 22.

Terryville.—The fire commissioners of the town of Terryville have appointed L. J. Carrigan as chief of the fire department. Mr. Carrigan has acted as temporary chief since the resignation of Andrew S. Granville.

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